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Docket No.: APW-024  
(PATENT)**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Jiro Takagi *et al.*

Application No.: 10/826102

Confirmation No.: 9347

Filed: April 15, 2004

Art Unit: 3681

For: CONTROL SYSTEM FOR INTERNAL  
COMBUSTION ENGINE

Examiner: H. D. Ho

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed December 2, 2005 (Paper No. 112805).

The Examiner has required restriction between the following inventions in the above-identified application:

Species 1	Figures 1-6
Species 2	Figures 1, 2 and 7
Species 3	Figures 1, 2 and 8
Species 4	Figures 1-5 and 9
Species 5	Figures 1, 2 and 10

Accordingly, Applicants hereby elect Species 1 (Figures 1-6), corresponding to claims 1-5, 9-13, and 17-21 for continued examination, with traverse.

The Commissioner may require restriction if two or more independent and distinct inventions are claimed in a single application (37 CFR 1.142(a)). Applicants respectfully assert that a single search of pertinent prior art would appear to suffice for all aspects of the invention.

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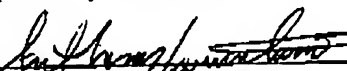
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Specifically, the various species appear to be so interrelated that a single examination would not appear to place a serious burden on the Examiner. Therefore, Applicant urges the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the restriction requirement.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the restriction requirement be withdrawn, and that all of the claims presently pending in this application be examined.

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Respectfully submitted,

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